

Here Are the Things You Must Approve in Public Affairs If You Approve Policies of the Cummings Administration

Exorbitant Tax Rate; Letting of Contracts in Excess of Funds Provided, Necessitating Deficits and Repeated Bond Issues; Construction of the Most Expensive Road in the South, and that in Time of War, Merely for Use as a Scenic Drive; Selling of Your County Bonds Below Par; Adding to the Public Debt until Hamilton Owes Immensely More than any other Tennessee County; Piling up Public Employees without Adding to Efficiency of Service; Use of the County Judge's office as a Political Headquarters, Instead of a Place to Transact your Business; Raising the Poll Tax to Double the Figure ever Before Charged in this County; Either Extravagance, Inefficiency or Bad Management, with a Result that it Now Requires More than \$1,000,000 a Year to Pay for the Luxurious Style of Public Office Maintained. This is but a part of the Catalogue that must be approved by a War-burdened and Tax-burdened People if the policies of the Present County Judge are to be Indorsed at the Polls.

Why

Should Hamilton, County
Pay a Tax Rate of
\$2.20

When the Great County
of Shelby is Taxed only
at a Rate of
\$1.68

Why

Should Hamilton County
Collect on a Tax Rate of
\$2.20

When the Larger County
of Davidson has a
Levy of
\$1.60

How

Can Knox Operate on a
Tax Levy of
\$1.90

And pay off a block of
Bonds every year when
Hamilton can no more
than meet expenses with
a Levy of **\$2.20**

SHELBY COUNTY

With a population of 191,439
pays an annual interest and
sinking fund budget of

\$121,000

Hamilton County, with a popula-
tion of 89,267 pays

\$242,000

DAVIDSON COUNTY

With a population of 141,478
pays an annual interest and
sinking fund budget of

\$73,400

Hamilton County, with a popula-
tion of 89,267 pays

\$242,000

KNOX COUNTY

With a population of 94,187 pays
an annual interest and
sinking fund of

\$47,000

Hamilton County, with a popula-
tion of 89,267 pays

\$242,000

Our annual appropriation to the Sinking Fund is \$25,000 a year. Ask somebody how long it will take to pay Four Millions of debt at that rate. Figure it yourself and see how long it will require.

When Judge Cummings sold your Half Million of Bonds at 9 per cent. below par, did he violate the law or not? That \$54,000 he paid somebody to take those bonds is part of our bonded debt now and you will pay interest on it for thirty years to come.

If our interest budget is ever to be smaller provision must be made to retire bonds at maturity. All our bonds will mature within thirty years. At the present rate of provision less than Two Million can be retired. Cummings' policies will never pay the debt.

The judge asks me what salaries I would lop off if I were judge. Let him publish a salary list and tell the duties of the employees and I will tell him. Certainly, salaried officials should render some service to the county other than political.

I am a believer in progress, but nobody believes in extravagant public service during this war. While every expense of the people is growing by leaps, certainly burdens of local taxation should not be made heavier. Luxury is disloyal in private affairs—why not more disloyal for public offices to extravagantly spend money drawn from shrunken pocketbooks of people who would otherwise buy more Bonds and Thrift Stamps?

If you approve the financial condition Judge Cummings has brought upon this county, it is your duty to vote for him. It is up to the people to decide on August 1, 1918, the day of the County Election.

SAM A. CONNER.